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SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS - SUMAS RIVER

1. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO DELIVER FOLLOWING NOTE TO USA
DIVISION, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE EMBASSY OF THE US PRESENTS ITS COMPLI-
MENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND HAS THE
HONOR TO NOTIFY THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT THAT THE EPA
REGIONAL OFFICE IN SEATTLE HAS REPORTED THAT ASBESTOS CON-
CENTRATIONS HAVE BEEN FOUND IN SWIFT CREEK, A TRIBUTARY OF
THE SUMAS RIVER, WHICH JOINS THE FRASER RIVER NEAR MISSLON
CITY, BRITISH COLUMBIA. THE SOURCE OF THE ASBESTOS IS PRE-
SENTLY UNDETERMINED. THIS INFORMATION WAS BROUGHT TO THE

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ATTENTION OF THE EPA BY THE WATCOM COUNTY OFFICE OF THE
HEALTH DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON STATE, WHICH HAS ASKED THAT

APPROPRIATE CANADIAN HEALTH AUTHORITIES BE INFORMED.

3. WHILE EPA RECONNAISSANCE HAS INDICATED THE PRESENCE OF BOTH AMPHIBOLE AND CHRYSOTILE ASBESTOS IN NORTHWESTERN WASHINGTON, THE WATCOM COUNTY ANALYSIS INDICATED THAT ONLY CHRYSOTILE ASBESTOS WAS PRESENT IN THE SWIFT CREEK SAMPLES.

4. IN VIEW OF THIS INFORMATION, THE USG WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED OF ANY SIMILAR FINDINGS, OR OF ANY STUDIES OF THIS PROBLEM BEING CONDUCTED IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

5. COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE. END TEXT. KISSINGER

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